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SUBJ: CONTINUATION OF DIALOGUE ON LABOR TROUBLE,
NAS BERMUDA

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1. SEPTEMBER 16 ROYAL GAZETTE FRONT PAGEDSTORY ON KW DISPUTE WITH HEADING, QUOTE, KW DISPUTE GOES TO WASHINGTON, UNQUOTE. STORY REPORTS VISIT OF SIMMONS AND BALL TO WASHINGTON AND STATES THEY HELD MEETINGS WITH "SEVERAL AUTHORITIES" AMONG WHOM INCLUDED "THE AFL-CIO, THE U.S. STATE DEPT. AND THE BRITISH EMBASSY".

2. ARTICLE CONTINUES WITH QUOTE FROM UNION RELEASE WHICH FOLLOWS:"DURING THE OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON, THE UNION OFFICERS WERE INFORMED THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED A CABLE WITH CLASSIFIED INFORMATION FROM DONALD MCCUE, THE AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL, HOWEVER, CERTAIN RELEVANT PORTIONS OF THE CABLE WERE COMMUNICATED TO THE UNION. THE BIU WAS TOLD THAT ON SEPTEMBER 5, 1975, THE GOB AND SIR DUDLEY SPURLING, REPRESENTING KWCC, HELD A MEETING AND THAT THE PACKAGE IS SAID TO BE SIMILAR IN BENEFITS TO THOSE DEMANDED BY THE BIU."

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3. ARTICLE CLOSED WITH ANOTHER QUOTE FROM BIU RELEASE
STATING BIU ALSO INFORMED, (IMPLIED SAME MESSAGE AS ABOVE),
GOB WAS PREPARING LETTER TO BIU OUTLINING AGREEMENT REACHED
BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND KWCC.

4. LABOUR MINISTER WOOLRIDGE AND LABOUR RELATIONS OFFICER
CALLED CONSUL GENERAL THIS DATE REACTING STRONGLY TO
ARTICLE. HE ASSURED THEM HE HAS NOT BEEN IN COMMUNICATION
WITH BIU OR PRESS ON KW DISPUTE. GOB REALIZED THAT BIU
WILL USE ANY MEANS TO FURTHER ITS END WHICH IS COMPLETE
RECOGNITION OF BIU BY KWCC AT NAS. GOB HAS PUBLICALLY
DENIED IT MADE AGREEMENT WITH KW ON SEPTEMBER 5. IT
ADMITS KW CALLED ON GOB TO ACQUAINT GOB WITH WHAT KW WAS
DOING FOR LOCAL EMPLOYEES.

5. UNFORTUNATE THAT CONSUL GENERAL CITED AS SOURCE OF BIU
INFORMATION BUT THIS TYPICAL AS GOB KNOWS OF BIU. IT INTENDS
KEEP USG INVOLVED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE IN KWCC DISPUTE.

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